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TITLE: COMBINED OIL RING

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Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment accompanying a new patent application being filed simultaneously herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the attached amended claims.

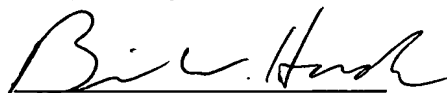
REMARKS

The claims have been amended to remove the multiple dependencies. No new matter has been added.

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Date

Respectfully submitted,

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